try including a number of different types of aircraft being acquired by different agencies; and

(c) what are the details of the role being assigned to the private sector in the expansion of the aviation industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have recently adopted or announced a number of steps to improve/augment aviation services in the country.

(b) Some of the important schemes adopted/or announced in the recent past for the development/expansion of aviation industry are as under:—

(i) Air India is to acquire six A-310 Airbus aircraft during the current financial year of which three have already been delivered.

(ii) Air India plans to acquire capacity in replacement of Kanishka the B-747 aircraft which crashed in June, 1985.

(iii) Indian Airlines has placed an order for the purchase of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft for delivery during the year 1989-90. In order to meet the requirements during the intervening period, Indian Airlines will be acquiring aircrafts on lease.

(iv) A company by the name of Helicopter Corporation of India has been incorporated under the Companies' Act, 1956, on the 15th October, 1985. The company is already in the process of acquiring 21 Dauphin 2 SA-365 N and 21. Westland W-30 Series 100-60 helicopters. The operational activities of the company are scheduled to commence from September/October, 1986.

(v) Government have taken a number of measures liberalising the policy for introduction of tourist charters, Air Taxi Services, and extra Section cargo flights.

(vi) The National Airports Authority has come into existence from the 1st June, 1986. This organisation will look after the construction, maintenance, development and operational functions of domestic airports. Construction of airports at Simla, Calicut and Agathi (Lakshadweep) is in hand. Projects for installation of modern communication and navigational equipment are under implementation.

(vii) In order to standardise and improve training facilities for pilots in the country, Government have set up a National Flying School of Excellence. Known as the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi and located at Fursatganj, District Rae Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), this Akademi which has already started imparting training in ground subjects is expected to start full training from September, 1986.

(viii) The new International Passenger and Cargo Terminal Complex (Phase-I) at Delhi Airport has recently been commissioned on May 1, 1986. This new terminal will be capable of handling 3.3 million passengers per annum.

(c) (i) The Government have approved in principle, the proposal to start an air taxi service in the country. The private sector would play an important role in this scheme.

(ii) The management and administration of International Airports is the sole responsibility of the International Airports Authority of India. However, private agencies are contracted for certain ancillary services like catering, cleaning, porterage etc.

Revival of the Pondicherry Express

*89. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pondicherry Express which was running from Madras to Pondicherry was discontinued about two years back;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to revive the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Express train between Madras and Pondicherry was cancelled from 1-4-1986 due to poor patronisation.

(c) No, Sir.

Funds raised under the 'Race Against Time' Programme

*90. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount of funds raised and other materials collected under the 'Race Against Time' campaign conducted in India in May, 1986 to provide relief to the drought victims of Africa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): In response to the call of the UNICEF to express solidarity with drought striken African countries and to raise funds for helping African children the Government of India designated the Sports Authority of India as the nodal agency on its behalf to assist UNICEF in organising in India the Sport Aid Programme also described as 'Race Against Time'. The Sports Authority of India has as on the 17th July, 1986 received, on behalf of UNICEF, contributions amounting to Rs. 45.56 lakhs for Soprts Aid. No contribution in kind has been collected by the Sports Authority of India in this context.

Demands of the Teachers of Delhi University

*91. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 43 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1986 and state:

(a) the follow-up action taken so far with regard to each demand after withdrawal of the strike by Delhi University Teachers on the 23rd February, 1986;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has received certain demands from the Delhi University and College Karamchari Union;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC has released Rs. 71.25 lakhs to various colleges who have sent complete proposals against the Rs. 60 crore housing scheme. In addition, against the Rs. 20.00 crore scheme. the Commission has agreed to the Delhi University utilising Rs. 4.0 crore from its Provident Fund accumulations for construction of houses. The Commission will refund this amount with interest to the Universiy. The provision for house building advances to the employees of the Unversity and its Colleges has been increased to Rs. 1.0 crore annually. Selection Grade Lecturers stagnating at the maximum of their Scale of Pay of Rs. 1900-/- for two years or more have been sanctioned an additional increment equal to the rate of the last increment drawn by them as personal pay. The payment of bonus to the teaching staff as per terms and conditions applicable to corresponding categories of Govt. employees has also been approved.

(b) and (c). The Delhi University and College Karamchari Union has submitted a memorandum in April, 1986, in which they had demanded higher scales of pay for certain categories of staff and implementation of the revision of pay scales retrospectively.

(d) The UGC has agreed to implement the rationalised pay scales from 1.4.1986. The demand of Section Officers for im-